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Follow-up of Contacts with Open and Closed Cases of Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis

1. Hospitals receiving active cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, whether sputum positive or negative, will send notification of this fact to the unit from which the soldier came, in order that examination of contacts may be carried out.
2. This notification to the soldier's unit will be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer of the first hospital in the chain of evacuation to make the diagnosis of tuberculosis.
 - a. Notification will be made on Form 306 Follow-up (Medical) in duplicate, one copy of which will be sent to the Commanding Officer of the patient's unit, Attn: The Surgeon, and one copy to the Chief Surgeon, ETO, APO 887, Attn: Professional Services Division. The notification will include the patient's former organization as well as the diagnosis.
 - b. An entry will be made in the patient's record that this notification has been made.
3. In the survey of contacts, history of exposure to tuberculosis (family, army, or occupational), a history of symptoms, and a physical examination will suffice, when and where X-ray facilities are not available or adequate.
 - a. When the tactical situation permits, contact examinations will include all those in frequent close association.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:

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